



# **FIRE MOBILIZATION NEWS FROM THE STATE OF WASHINGTON**

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Camp Murray, Washington



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## **Update: Mill Canyon Fire in Lincoln County**

CAMP MURRAY - Firefighters continue to assist local firefighters working to contain the Mill Canyon Fire, approximately 6 miles northwest of Reardon in Lincoln County.

A total of 97 firefighters, 34 engines/tenders, and helicopters are involved in fighting the fire. These firefighters and apparatus will complement the firefighters and engines/tenders from the local jurisdictions.

The fire has burned approximately 1,100 acres and is threatening 12 residences. Firefighters have confirmed that two abandoned outbuildings were destroyed. Firefighters are estimating the fire is approximately 65% contained and are making good progress because of lower temperatures and higher humidity.

The Washington State Fire Mobilization Act was declared on August 3, 2004, at 7:00 p.m. by Chief Lowell Porter, and implemented by the Fire Protection Bureau of the Washington State Patrol at the request of the local fire service. Support from the state's Emergency Management Division at the State Emergency Operations Center at Camp Murray.

Creating a defensible space around your home is a must for residents living in a potential wild land fire area. The following are the 10 steps to defensible space:

- \* Thin tree and brush cover.
- \* Dispose of slash and debris left from thinning.
- \* Remove dead limbs, leaves and other litter.
- \* Stack firewood away from home.
- \* Maintain irrigated green belt around the home.
- \* Mow dry grasses and weeds.
- \* Prune branches to 10 feet above the ground.
- \* Trim branches.
- \* Clean roof and gutters.
- \* Reduce density of surrounding forest.

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